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# **Germany:**

### **Bundesverband Deutscher Detektive**

(Federal Association of German Private Investigators)

## BDD Delegates Report for 2016

The most important event in 2016 were the elections of the new committee of our Association on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, in Leipzig.

The 2016 election based on the decision to change main structures of the Association.

The following new representatives of the BDD were elected:

Raoul Classen, Hamburg President

Peter Schipp, Leipzig Vicepresident

Johann Liebel, Mönchengladbach Treasurer

Heinrich Mager, München IKD-Delegate and Arbitration Service

Robert Choinowski, Hagen Chapter Store Detectives

The above team is elected for 4 years until 2020. The chapter training/education is still open but will be filled latest in 2017. Actually our President Mr. Classen is responsible for training and education.

In November 2016 the annual seminar was held in Düsseldorf. The BDD welcomed 54 members of BDD and partner associations like the Swiss and Austrian Associations (FSPD, ÖDV) also a number non-members from Germany.

#### The topics were:

- Store Detectives and their very important part in retail security
- Analyzing traces from crime scenes and their role as evidence
- Discussing relevant judgements from higher courts for PIs
- Presenting and analyzing databases

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## Further topics of the 2016 seminar:

- The image of PIs in the media, a public discussion with professionals and actors as Private Investigators in TV and Cinema
- Interpreting Body Language, an important tool for investigations and interviews
- IT-Training: The Darknet

The seminar in Düsseldorf again was a big event for education and networking.

The BDD invites all european colleagues to join our next 2-days-seminar, held in the beautiful city of Potsdam in mid-November 2017.

Heinrich Mager IKD-Delegate BDD